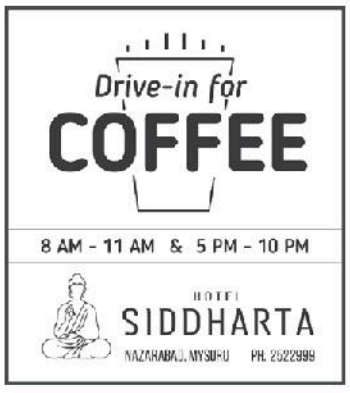

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Goods vehicles, ambulances clog roads around K.R. Hospital

- From Janatha Bazar on Dhanvantri Road to Sayyaji Rao Road Junction
- From Sayyaji Rao Road-Dhanvantri Road Junction to Ayurveda College Circle

Policemen will be posted: Traffic ACP

When private ambulances and goods vehicles occupy public parking spaces, especially in busy areas where the parking is meant for cars and two-wheelers, it limits the availability of parking for those who need it. "This scarcity is resulting in increased competition for parking spaces and frustration among drivers searching for suitable spots," said Traffic ACP Parashuramappa.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, he said that he was aware of the problem and would initiate action. "We will visit the spot to examine the issue in detail. In fact, after the goods are delivered to the Devaraja Market, the goods autos must leave the place instead of parking there, obstructing space. Likewise, private ambulances cannot be parked all day long here in a prime parking spot," he said.

If need be, a Police Constable will be posted to regulate parking making space for designated vehicles to park and a 'no parking' board will be erected at both places, the ACP added.

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (RK&BCT)- The problem of private ambulances and goods vehicles parking along the side of the bustling Dhanvantri Road, stretching from Janatha Bazar Medical Store to Sayyaji Rao Road and from the Sayyaji Rao Road-Dhanvantri Road junction to the Government Ayurveda College Circle, is once again in the spotlight.

This issue not only exacerbates existing parking challenges in the heart of Mysuru city but also contributes to a cluttered appearance around K.R. and Cheluvamba Hospitals.

The persistent practice of parking on busy roads is causing numerous issues and inconveniences for both motorists and pedestrians. Specifically, the stretch from the Janatha Bazar Medical Store to Sayyaji Rao Road and the Sayyaji Rao Road-Dhanvantri Road junction to the Government Ayurveda College Circle is designated for parking two-wheelers and four-wheelers. Unfortunately, this space is consistently occupied by private ambulances and goods vehicles.

Despite the potential to accommodate over 20 to 30 cars from the Janatha Bazar Medical Store to Sayyaji Rao Road and more than 50 cars from the Sayyaji Rao Road-Dhanvantri Road junction to the Government Ayurveda College Circle, the available space is consistently scarce.

(See AMBULANCES on page 6)

Missing! Original copy of Karnataka caste census

Bengaluru, Nov. 22 (KMS, DM & BCT)- Even as pressure is mounting on the Karnataka Government to make the State's Socio-economic and Educational Census, popularly known as the 'caste census', public, in a narrative resembling a suspense thriller, it has now come to light that the original copy of the survey report has mysteriously disappeared, raising eyebrows and legal concerns.

The original report, crafted by H. Kantharaj, former Chairman of the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes, is reportedly missing from the Commission's strong room. Although scanned copies exist, lacking authorisation renders them unacceptable to the Government. The current Commission, led by Chairman K. Jayaprakash Hegde, is now crafting a new report based on the same data obtained from Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) systems.

Jayaprakash Hegde has written a letter to the State Government and has asserted that the original caste census data is missing. He stated that the caste census report was kept in the Commission's Office on August 26, 2021.

The data collected, including the sealed boxes containing original documents and other details, was presented before the Commission members and the Secretary in a sealed envelope on Oct. 5, 2021. However, the main report with the Secretary's signature is not present in the printed main report, he said.

Rs. 158.47 crore spent

The circumstances leading to the disappearance of the report remain unclear. The original survey was initiated by the then CM Siddharamaiah in 2015. The missing original report, containing crucial caste and community percentage data, had been prepared after an extensive survey at a cost of Rs. 158.47 crore.

The Karnataka Government, eager to implement the survey findings, plans to accept the new caste census ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. However, potential legal challenges loom, with concerns about the sanctity of the report and why the original was not submitted.

(See CENSUS on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Employers' Federation to host HR Conclave in city on Nov. 25

Mysuru, Nov. 22 - The Employers' Federation of Southern India (EFSI), Karnataka branch, is organising a HR Conclave on the theme "Samasti – Inclusiveness – HR Parley - 2023" at Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Chamundi Hill Road here on Nov. 25.

Padma Shri awardee, Mylswamy Annadurai, former ISRO Director and Chandrayan 1 Project Director will deliver the inaugural address at 9.15 am.

Keynote address will be delivered by Shantanu Roy, Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Earth Movers Limited.

Welcome address will be delivered by Thyagu Valliappa, Vice-Chairman, Karnataka Committee, EFSI & Executive Director, Sona Valliappa Group; Theme address by Dr. N. Muthukumar, President, EFSI and President & COO, India Leader: Cummins-Meritor.

The objective of this conclave is to enable HR Heads, Operational Heads, Senior HR/IR /Legal /Personnel/Line managers who are involved in the employee engagement/Relations activities to gain more knowledge and update themselves in the subject.

From Academic Institutions, Faculty Members and Students pursing HR discipline have been invited to gain insight into the emerging HR field which is full of challenges ahead.

Leading CEOs will share their expectations from HR in the changing Business Models while eminent HR Leaders from different fields including the Digital tools will be sharing their knowledge and experience and perspectives with the participants.

The HR Conclave will have four sessions on the following topics: CEOs' Expectations from HR Leaders, Digital HR & Impact of AI – Way Forward, Current Labour issues and Challenges of collective bargaining in future and Emerging HR Trends.

For details contact Mob: +91 96206-98869.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

This is a generation that has faced the brunt of some of the most rapid changes that any generation might have seen. It is normal for most generations to feel this way, but in this case, there are strong reasons to believe so. It is as if every significant arena of one's life has been fundamentally redefined. Whether it is work, friendships, family, personal relationships, entertainment and shopping, education, or knowledge production, everything has undergone a fundamental transformation.

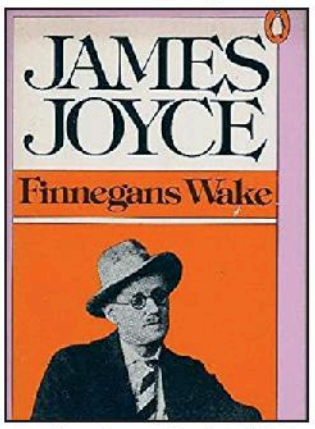
It is not surprising that mental health is becoming a problem of significant proportions. There is a sense of burning out at an age which is meant to be the prime of one's life. Things that were empowering can now feel burdensome: choice, individual agency, exposure to the world, the ability to express oneself and career opportunities. All the freedoms that an earlier generation sought are now available, but at a price. Over-stimulation and distraction make it difficult for the young to find moments when they can shut out the noise that surrounds them. If scarcity causes misery, abundance seems to be resulting in a constant state of anxiety.

It is true that the young are not the only ones struggling to make sense of this new world. Societies and nations are going through upheavals as we see a new brand of politics and social discourse emerge that we cannot quite fathom. The media has changed beyond recognition and our institutions do not function like they did.

But it is the young that have far greater stakes in the future than the older generation does. Their lives are full of open questions, to which there are any number of answers, but with little direction as to which are the correct ones. For those of us who cannot fathom some of the choices the young make today, it is time to recognise just how bewildering it is to be young in this world. *— Santosh Desai in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

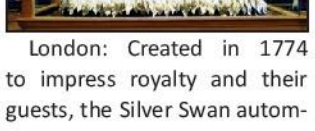
Reading the same book for the last 28 years



California: A book club in California has recently finished its first reading of James Joyce's 'Finnegan's Wake', a notoriously difficult book that it started reading 28 years ago.

James Joyce once said that the demand he makes of his reader is that he "should devote his entire life to reading my works" and some people actually took those words to heart. For example, the members of a California book club have spent the last 28 years of decyphering Finnegan's Wake page by page, to figure out its many mysteries. This is a book so difficult to read that no one can truly say they 'get it', which makes it perfect for community reading. It's apparently written in a convoluted mix of reinvented words, puns, and allusions, referencing about 80 languages, and people can't even agree on where the book is set or who the characters are.

250-year-old mechanical marvel



London: Created in 1774 to impress royalty and their guests, the Silver Swan automaton remains an intricate mechanical wonder that continues to captivate audiences.

Built for royalty that ended up changing their minds, the Silver Swan is one of the most famous automatons in history. It was put together at the Mechanical Museum of James Cox, a London jeweler and 18th-century entrepreneur, using an internal mechanism designed by inventor John Joseph Merlin. The chased, repoussé silver body of the swan conceals three clockwork mechanisms that control a music box, a pool of glass with swimming silver fish and the movements of the majestic bird's neck and head. Seeing the Silver Swan in action, it's easy to forget that this marvel is no less than 250 years old.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Tip to Prevent Heart Attack

Cholesterol Management:- Keep your cholesterol levels in check. This may involve medication, diet, and lifestyle changes.

By Dr. Sasirekha D - Consultant- Cardiology- Interventional Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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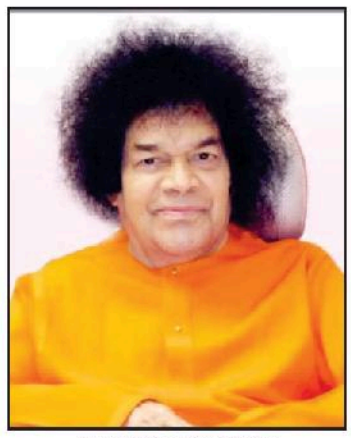
Sai Baba's 98th birthday and Paduka Pratishtapana Mahotsavam

Mysuru, Nov. 22- Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's 98th birthday celebration and Paduka Pratishtapana Mahotsavam has been organised at Sri Sathya Sai Baba School and PU College premises in Jayalakshmipuram tomorrow (Nov. 23) at 11 am.

Prof. K.B. Prabhuprasad, Hon. Chairman, Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba Mahila and Makkala Koota Trust, will inaugurate. G. Usha, Scientist SF, Power System Engineer and Project Manager, Chandrayaan-2 and Chandrayaan-3 Mission, ISRO, Bengaluru, will be the chief guest. Dr. M.N. Sundareshan, Chairman, Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba Mahila and Makkala Koota Trust, will preside.



Sri Sathya Sai Baba

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Last year's level **121.96 feet**	Last year's level **2,277.87 feet**	Last year's level **2,842.83 feet**
Yesterday's level **99.68 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,274.05 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,844.82 feet**
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Today's Outflow **4,141cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **2,100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The Turkish village of Kuşköy practices a rare whistling language known as "bird language." Despite its name, this language isn't used to communicate with birds but rather to villagers scattered along Kuşköy's steep mountainous terrain. The messages can be as intricate as human language, and the high-pitched sounds are a genius way to communicate across long distances.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A man walks into a nursing home and tells the doctor: *I must have a liver transplant, a kidney transplant, a cornea transplant, a lung transplant and a heart transplant.* ***The doctor asked:*** *What? Tell me why do you need all these transplants?* ***The man explained:*** *Well my boss told me I needed to get recognised!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.33
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 104.36
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.69
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.87

VOICE OF THE READER

Central Library clarifies

Sir,

This refers to the letter titled ***"Newspaper sections in Central Libraries of Mysuru closed frequently?"*** *(Star of Mysore* dated Nov. 18).

This is to clarify that Mysuru Public Libraries are committed to staying open on all working days and we are making special efforts to keep the paper section open even during weekly offs.

Regarding filling up of vacant posts in Library Department, we have to go as per norms of the Government. Now only 12 Library Assistants are working for 33 total branch libraries — each Library Assistant is allotted 2 to 3 branch libraries apart from their own allotted library. Our dedicated staff are managing multiple branches, ensuring services on Sundays and 2nd Saturdays, despite weekly offs on Mondays.

Financial constraints are impacting library services, with 6% Library Cess given by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) — approximately Rs. 20 crore — pending. The release of these funds is crucial for sustaining and enhancing library services.

Regarding bringing belongings to libraries, there is no issue with it all. However, we have advised users not to keep costly items in their bags to prevent theft. Unfortunately, there have been instances of theft, leading to Police complaints.

We value our patrons and their feedback and assure the community that we are actively addressing these concerns to improve our library services.

—Deputy Director,
City Central Library,
People's Park
Mysuru
22.11.2023

Manhole on Irwin Road repaired

Following publication of the news item regarding the collapsed manhole *(pic. below)* on Irwin Road in *Mysuru Mithra* (sister publication of *Star of Mysore)* yesterday morning based on the information provided by City Co-operative Bank Director Paduvarahalli Ramakrishna, the MCC has repaired the manhole, thus responding to the problems faced by the public, especially motorists travelling on the ever busy Irwin Road. *SOM* had also published this news yesterday.

Cake-mixing at Sandesh The Prince

As part of Christmas, a cake-mixing ceremony was held at Sandesh The Prince Hotel in city recently. Film actor Daali Dhananjaya, who inaugurated the ceremony by mixing the ingredients like plums, cherries and dry fruits, is seen with former MLC Sandesh Nagaraj, Industrialist Sandesh (both Film Producers) and the hotel staff.

Rajneesh Goel is next Chief Secretary of Karnataka

Rajneesh Goel

Bengaluru, Nov. 22 (Agencies)- Rajneesh Goel, IAS Officer of the 1986 batch, has been appointed as the next Chief Secretary of Karnataka.

The State Government yesterday issued an order appointing Goel, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, as the Chief Secretary. He will take charge from outgoing Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma, who is retiring from service on superannuation, on Nov. 30.

The State Cabinet had authorised Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to select the next Chief Secretary. Goel will be the 40th Chief Secretary of Karnataka. His wife, Shalini Rajneesh, is also an IAS Officer and is serving as the Additional Chief Secretary. The Goel couple hails from Punjab.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption on Nov. 23, 25

Owing to emergency maintenance works at 66/11 KV Karya Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply on Nov. 23 and 25 between 7 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Hadya, Kahalli, Kamahalli, Karya, Aralikattehundi, Banur, Chinnamballi, Chunchanalli, Hanumanapura, Kakkarahatti, Bhogaiahnahundi villages and Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer (EE), Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), Nanjangud Division.

Apprenticeship for Journalism students

The Department of Information and Public Relations has invited applications from eligible SC/ST community Journalism Graduates/ Post-Graduates for a 12-month apprenticeship in Media and Journalism. The Apprenticeship is open for two candidates from SC community and one from ST community of Mysuru district. The Apprenticeship will be available for one-year period from January 2024 to December 2024 and the selected candidates will be paid a monthly apprenticeship of Rs. 15,000 each. The application forms, along with supporting documents, must be sent to the Department of Information and Public Relations, Dhanvantri Road, Mysuru-570001, before Dec. 5, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 94898-41229.

Bank exam coaching class

Netaji Education Foundation, Mysuru, will be conducting a 2-month coaching class for SBI/ IBPS bank recruitment exams. Interested candidates can register at the Foundation office located at No. 400, 'Athreya,' Krishna Vilas Road, opposite Avila Convent, Devaraja Mohalla. For registration, contact Ph: 0821-3553964 or Mob: 63641-16745 or 94807-09611.

Appointed

Retired IAS Officer and writer Dr. C. Somashekar has been appointed as the President of Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Bengaluru. Dr. Somashekar will take charge as the new President of the Parishat, which was formed in 1986, at a programme to take place at the Parishat office in Jayanagar, Bengaluru, on Nov. 23 at 3 pm, in the presence of the Parishat's Hon. Advisor Go. Ru. Channabasappa (GoRuCha) and the outgoing President Apparao Akkone.

Assault on mobile phone shop owner

Rowdy-sheeter arrested, released on station bail

Newal Ashok

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (BLU&KS)- A rowdy-sheeter, who barged into a mobile phone shop, created ruckus and allegedly assaulted the shop owner, was arrested by Devaraja Police, who later released him on station bail.

The rowdy-sheeter, who was arrested and later released, has been identified as Newal Ashok, who is the General Secretary of Mysuru City Youth Congress and son of Congress leader M.K. Ashok. A rowdy-sheeter file has been opened against him at KR Police Station.

On Sunday, Newal Ashok, who barged into the mobile phone shop near Jaganmohan Palace, reportedly created ruckus, head-butted the shop owner and had assaulted him brutally, following which the shop owner lodged a complaint at Devaraja Police Station.

Devaraja Police, who registered a case, arrested Newal Ashok and later released him on station bail with a condition that he (Newal Ashok) come to the Police Station daily and sign the register.

Newal Ashok, who has political background, was involved in many cases in the past and a rowdy-sheeter file was opened in KR Police Station.

Police said that Newal Ashok was warned many times during his arrests in various cases earlier, but he did not mend his ways and continued criminal activities.

Meanwhile, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh said that Newal's father M.K. Ashok is also a rowdy-sheeter.

District Administration to take back Rajyotsava Award given to M.K. Ashok

M.K. Ashok

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (BLU&KS)- M.K. Ashok was presented with the District Kannada Rajyotsava Award for Social Service at the Rajyotsava function held at the Oval Grounds in city on Nov. 1 this year. The award was presented to him by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa.

Following the assault by Newal Ashok on Sunday, the Kannada and Culture Department came to know that M.K. Ashok was also a rowdy-sheeter and Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan said that the Rajyotsava Award given to M.K. Ashok will be taken back.

He further said that the name of M.K. Ashok was included in the list of Rajyotsava awardees in the last minute. As there was very little time, there was a delay in getting the Police report.

"Even Ashok had said that he does not have any case against him. But now, we have come to know that M.K. Ashok is a rowdy-sheeter and the District Administration has decided to get it clarified and take back the award," Dr. Sudarshan added.

Youth's suicide fearing Police action

SP suspends two Cops

Kiran Kumar

Nanjangud, Nov. 22- Mysuru Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar has suspended two Police staff of Biligere Police Station following the suicide of a youth fearing Police action.

Those suspended are Biligere Head Constable Nanjesh and Constable Prasanna Kumar.

The SP issued the suspension orders charging them with dereliction of duty.

On Nov. 12, Biligere Sub-Inspector had brought two accused to the Police Station for enquiry. When the Sub-Inspector went out of the Police Station to take custody of another accused, he had given charge of the two accused to the Head Constable and the Constable.

Out of the two accused, one of the accused Kiran Kumar of Nagarle village managed to escape from the Police Station and later, fearing Police action, set himself ablaze and sustained serious burn injuries. He was rushed to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru where he succumbed to burns on Nov. 13.

Holding the Head Constable and the Constable responsible for Kiran Kumar to escape from the Police Station, the SP has suspended the two Police staff for dereliction of duty.

Natl. Lok Adalat on Dec. 9

Mysuru, Nov. 22- The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) will be conducting the National Lok Adalat in Courts across the city and district on Dec. 9.

Lok Adalat is one of the alternative dispute redressal mechanisms. It is a forum where disputes/ cases pending in the Court of Law or at Pre-litigation stage are settled/ compromised amicably.

Cases such as criminal compoundable cases, motor accident claims (MACT), domestic disputes, cheque bounce cases, labour disputes, matrimonial disputes, utility services and bills, land acquisition cases and the like can be amicably settled at this Lok Adalat.

For more details, the litigants can call Helpline number 1800-425-0131 or log on to the website: ***kslsa.kar.nic.in***, according to a press release from the DLSA Member-Secretary.

Obituary

Gowramma

Mysuru, Nov. 22- Gowramma (75), wife of late Eshwarappa and a resident of Tonachikoppal here, passed away yesterday following brief illness in city.

She leaves behind three sons including newspaper distributor Siddaramu and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this noon.

Perianda C. Appaji

Napoklu: Perianda C. Appaji (80), a native of Kaikad village in Kodagu and a resident of Bengaluru, passed away yesterday in Bengaluru. He was the youngest son of late Chengappa, who had written 'Kodava Andolat Paat.'

Appaji, who started his career as a journalist at *Kodagu Press*, later served in *Samyukta Karnataka* and *Prajavani*. He became popular for his special reports on horse racing in *Prajavani*.

Last rites were held this morning at Sumanahalli Crematorium in Bengaluru.

Angry over in-laws for not gifting gold to his wife, man burgles in-laws' house

Bengaluru, Nov. 22- A man, who got angry on his in-laws for not gifting gold ornaments to his wife, burgled his in-laws' house in Ulsoor and is now cooling his heels in the Police Station.

The man, identified as Pradeep Kumar, had married the daughter of Mani and Regina, despite opposition. He was upset and angry on his in-laws for not supporting him when he faced financial problems, which prompted him to 'take what his wife deserved.'

Pradeep had made away with 70 grams gold jewellery and about 1 kg of silver articles from his in-laws' house.

On Oct. 30, Pradeep, who came to his in-laws' house on Car Street fully drunk, shouted, "I am the son-in-law. Who can stop me from entering the house?" He then broke open the locked door of his in-laws' house as neighbours watched.

Meanwhile, one of the neighbours of Mani and Regina couple tried to contact them over the phone but was unsuccessful due to network issues as the couple were on a tour to Kanyakumari. But, when Mani and Regina returned the next morning, they found the door forcibly opened and on entering the house and inspecting it, they found gold ornaments and silver articles missing and lodged a Police complaint.

The Police, who swung into action, arrested Pradeep and have recovered 47 grams gold ornaments from him.

Dangling electricity wires, a recipe for disaster in city

Pic. 1: ***An exposed electric junction box adjacent to Tennis Court near City Law Courts complex.*** *Pic. 2:* ***Electric wires posing danger at K.G. Koppal.*** *Pic. 3:* ***Telephone and internet cables lying around the electric pole on Kalidasa Road.***

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (SBD&BCT)- The tragic incident of a woman and her nine-month-old daughter burning to death in Bengaluru's Whitefield (near Hope Farm) after coming in contact with a live electric wire which was cut and lying on the footpath on Nov. 19 has exposed the callous attitude of the electricity supply companies who have left the wires on the roads endangering lives.

Citizens say given the way cables and wires hang precariously or lie on pavements, it is not clear which of them is in contact with live electric cables or poles. Many fear that even accidentally tripping on them or touching them could prove costly. However, this isn't an issue of Bengaluru alone. Rather it is an impending problem in Mysuru too.

Numerous roads in Mysuru display a dangerous scenario with cables hanging perilously from tree branches, electric poles and coiled up on pavements. Negotiating some areas requires pedestrians to perform a delicate balancing act to avoid tripping on these cables or becoming entangled in them. Certain footpaths have become practically inaccessible due to the chaotic spread of cables.

Adding to the concern is the issue of exposed electricity wires from junction boxes or control boxes on electricity poles, creating a constant risk of sparks. These boxes, positioned at low levels, are easily reachable by children, exposing them to potential danger. Notably, these boxes play a crucial role in connecting street lights. Rather than being operated by a switch, the street lights are activated by joining the wires together, which is risky.

In a time of unpredictable rainfall leading to falling trees causing extensive damage to electric poles, a concerning trend has emerged. After sustaining damage, these poles are left in a precarious slanting position, posing a threat to the public. The proximity of wires from these slanting poles to trees further complicates the situation, heightening the risk of potential electrocution.

Despite assertions from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) about strict enforcement of laws against violators, the reality on the ground paints a different picture. Television cables hanging from electric poles and cables strung between buildings, dangerously low on the roads, are common sights, posing danger to the safety of bikers.

The city has experienced instances where various internet providers undertaking road and footpath excavations for laying optical fibre cables, resulting in pedestrians suffering injuries due to these disruptions. The wiring extended for illuminating advertisement boards, name plates and internet services appears to be hastily and recklessly executed.

It falls upon Government agencies such as the MCC and Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) to carry out special drives against illegal electric connections that pose risks to public safety.

Public servants and officers play a crucial role in the lives of the general public by implementing policies and decisions. Bureaucrats leading these institutions should ensure that those who break the law are brought to justice.

Amid constant power outages, George claims no shortage

Bengaluru, Nov. 22 (Agencies)- Karnataka Energy Minister K.J. George has cleared the air amid electricity outages in the State. He has stated that there will be no power outages till January 2024 but may face issues after January.

K.J. George

Reeling with a shortfall of 3,000 to 3,500 MW on a daily basis due to weak monsoon, Karnataka has made a quick recovery in a month's time and overcome the power shortage through various short-term methods, he claimed.

He also claimed there is no power shortage in Karnataka currently and all stakeholders, including farmers, are supplied power without interruptions. However, he cautioned citizens that the demand may scale up from February 2024 and assured that the Government has made plans to cater to the demand.

Giving an outline of Karnataka's energy scenario on Tuesday, George said, "After invoking Section 11, all private generators are supplying more than 1,000 MW of power to the Government. There is no threat till January as we have sufficient supply. However, the demand may shoot up from February. Our expectation is that Karnataka's demand may touch 16,500 MW or 300 Mu per day."

However, anticipating a surge in demand, the Government has already made preparations to ensure there are no interruptions during the summer months.

"Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has permitted us to purchase 1,500 MW of short-term power depending on the demand. We are also getting power from Uttar Pradesh (100 to 600 MW) and Punjab (300 MW) on barter system. These measures have helped Karnataka overcome the crisis for the time being," George said.

Electrocution of woman, infant in Bengaluru

NHRC seeks report by six weeks; Five BESCOM employees suspended

Bengaluru, Nov. 22 (Agencies)- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken action following the tragic death of 23-year-old Soundarya and her infant daughter Leela, who were electrocuted after coming in contact with a live 11KV wire that had fallen on the footpath at Hope Farm in Bengaluru.

The NHRC issued notices to the Karnataka Government, expressing concern over the violation of human rights and attributing the incident to the negligence of the electricity department in Bengaluru. The Commission has called for a detailed report on the matter within six weeks, directing notices to the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police (DGP) of Karnataka.

In response to the incident, Karnataka Energy Minister K.J. George ordered the suspension of five officials of the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) for negligence, while issuing show-cause notices to two senior officials.

The tragic event occurred when the mother-daughter duo stepped on an unattended live electricity wire on the footpath in Bengaluru's Hope Farm area, resulting in their untimely death.

George announced the formation of four teams to investigate the case, aiming to eliminate bias and prevent similar tragedies in the future. The teams include representatives from BESCOM, the Police, the State Electricity Department and an independent body of experts headed by S. Sumanth, a retired Director (technical) of the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL). The comprehensive investigation will cover all angles, including technical aspects.

While the Police conduct a criminal probe, BESCOM's internal team, comprising experts, will delve into the root cause of the incident. George emphasised the accountability of those responsible and assured that action would be taken.

Additionally, he pledged to address safety concerns, stating that within 15 days, telecom companies must relocate overhead wires to designated ducts on roads. Failure to comply will result in the electricity department taking necessary action to ensure public safety.

Congress celebrates birth anniversary of former PM Indira Gandhi

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (GA&TRR)- The 106th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was celebrated at the Congress Bhavan here on Nov. 19, by the City and District units of Congress party.

Sexual minority activist Pranati Prakash, model farmer Vasantakumari, Dr. Ratnamma of Soliga community, civic worker Narasamma, award winning nurse Nandini and ASHA worker Mahadevamma jointly inaugurated the birth anniversary celebrations.

Kannada professor and thinker Prof. K.N. Lolakshi, who spoke on 'Indira India Rajakeeya Savalugalu' said "When Indira Gandhi assumed power, India was not a prosperous country and was reeling under poverty. Britishers had looted our country and emptied our wealth and India was a male dominated country and conservationists didn't want her to become the PM. Indira Gandhi faced all this with courage, became the PM and liberated India from hunger and implemented programmes to free the country from poverty," she explained.

Stating that Indira Gandhi implemented many revolutionary reforms in the male dominated society of our country, Prof. Lolakshi said "Indira Gandhi made India recognisable by providing a strong administration.

"Indira Gandhi still remains in the heart of Indians even today as a non-political, secular and non-partisan leader," concluded Prof. Lolakshi.

Mysuru District Rural Congress Committee President Dr.B.J. Vijaykumar, City Congress President R. Murthy, former ZP President K. Marigowda, party leaders Shivanna, Eshwar Chakkadi, former Mayor Pushpalatha Chikkanna and others were present.

Students should first set their objectives: Prof. S.R. Niranjana

Prof. S.R. Niranjana, Vice-Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bengaluru, lighting the lamp to inaugurate a Student Induction Programme at JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science on Ooty Road in Mysuru yesterday as (from left) Dr. Kumudini Achchi, faculty of the College, Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, Chief Executive of the College, Prof. R. Mugeshappa, Director of College Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Dr. S. Prathibha, Principal of the College, look on.

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (GA&DM)- Stressing on the need for students to set their life goals and work towards fulfilling them, Prof. S.R. Niranjana, Vice-Chairman of Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bengaluru, said that the students should utilise the facilities provided by the Government in the most useful manner.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Deeksharambh,' a PG (Post-Graduate) Student Induction Programme (2023-24) at JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, on Ooty Road here yesterday.

Stating that teachers have the responsibility of responding to the thoughts and ideas of students, he reiterated that students can be successful in life if they set goal for themselves.

Noting that PG students are already graduates and have a level of responsibility, he cautioned the students against belittling any course as each course has its own standing.

Pointing out that about 18 lakh students of the country are expected to fly abroad for higher education, Prof. Niranjana said that students must always update their knowledge and be ready to face challenges in their chosen profession. Regretting that most of the candidates, who pass KAS, are lacking in general knowledge, he said that it is interesting to note that technical graduates are looking at jobs in the commercial and business sector such as Banks and other Financial Institutions.

"The country has made great strides in medicine, vaccine, food production and the like. Apart from academics, the students should also have knowledge about current affairs of the country," he said while calling upon the students to acquire the latest skills needed for excellence in their profession.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha College Education Division Director Prof. R. Mugeshappa, Chief Executive Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, Principal Dr. S. Prathibha, faculty Dr. Kumudini Achchi and others were present.

'Nehru's tribal wife' passes away

Local politicians demand memorial next to Nehru's statue at a park in Panchet

Dhanbad, Nov. 22 (Agencies)- Budhni Manjhiyain, a woman from the Santhal tribe, passed away at the age of 80 at her residence near Panchet in Jharkhand.

Budhni Manjhiyain lived and died in exile. She acquired fame, rather infamy, as the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's 'tribal wife' after she was garlanded by him during the inauguration of a dam in 1959 following which the then 15-year-old was ostracised by her community and she remained an outcast.

On Dec. 6, 1959, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru travelled to Dhanbad in West Bengal to inaugurate a dam over the Damodar River, also known as the 'sorrow of Bengal'.

Nehru had then insisted that a woman working on the project be a part of the inauguration and the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) selected 15-year-old Budhni, along with Ravan Manjhi, a Santhali man, to welcome the PM.

In reciprocation of Budhni garlanding him, Nehru garlanded Budhni. He also insisted that the teen press the button at the power station to signal the start of operations. She was flanked by Nehru, which offended the tribal community.

When Budhni returned to her village that evening after all the fanfare, the village elders at Karbona told her that by garlanding the PM at the function she had in effect married him. Furthermore, since Nehru was not a Santhal, she was no longer a part of the community and was told to leave the village.

Left with no option, Budhni left her home behind and then took shelter in Panchet. In 1962, Budhni, who was employed by Damodar Valley Corporation, was thrown out of her job and found herself helpless. Budhni then took up work as a daily-wager in Purulia.

In 1985 when Rajiv Gandhi learnt of her plight, he met her and it was at this meeting that she requested that she be reinstated at her job in DVC. Her request was approved and she worked there until 2005 when she retired.

Following her retirement, Budhni lived a quiet life and passed away on Nov. 17 following prolonged illness.

Now, there are calls for a Memorial be built in her honour, next to the statue of Nehru in a local park and pension be provided to Budhni's daughter Ratna. Bhairav Mandal, the Chief of Panchet Panchayat and others have written to the DVC management about the Memorial and a house to Ratna in DVC Colony.

PU College students take part in voter awareness contests

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (MTY&DM)- Students from different PU Colleges of the city took part with enthusiasm in the various contests organised as part of voter awareness campaign at Maharaja's PU College on JLB Road in city yesterday. It was organised by Voters Literacy Club of Maharaja's PU College.

Speaking after inaugurating the contests, Maharaja's PU College Principal Udayashankar said that the Indian Constitution has given the voting rights to all those who are aged 18 years and called upon the youths to exercise their franchise with freedom. He further said that the contests are being organised to create awareness on the importance of voting in a democratic country like ours.

Voters Literacy Club Convenor Dr. Mangala Murthy said that the Election Commission has started activities such as voters' list revision, change of address, voters' list correction etc., in the wake of Lok Sabha and Local Bodies Polls. She called upon all students who attain 18 years of age, to register their names.

Prize winners of various competitions are as follows:

Poster Competition: 17 students from 10 PU Colleges had taken part. R. Gagana (Maharani's College) - 1st prize; S. Rakshita (Vani Vilas College, Nazarbad) - 2nd; N. Sangeetha (JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram) - 3rd.

Kannada Essay Writing: 21 students from 11 Colleges had take part. Nityashri (PU College for Girls on Chamaraja Double Road) - 1st, Ankitha (JSS College, Ooty Road) - 2nd; M. Mallesh (Maharaja's PU College) - 3rd; **English Essay Writing:** 9 students from 5 PU Colleges had taken part. N. Nischitha (Maharani's PU College) - 1st; R. Srinidhi (Maharani's PU College) - 2nd; Shubham Yadav (JSS College for Women) - 3rd.

Quiz: 28 students from 14 Colleges had taken part. H.N. Tanushri and B. Shwetha (JSS Women's College) - 1st; Divyashri Patil and Pavithra (Government PU College for Girls in People's Park, Nazarbad) - 2nd; S. Chinmay and Vishwas Gowda (Maharaja's PU College for Boys) - 3rd.

Contests Organiser Dr. B. Shashikala, College Lecturers Association President M.M. Mahadev, Political Science Lecturers Association President Pashupathi, State Government Employees Association Hon. President L. Umesh, Judges Shivakumar, Lokesh, Kaliprasad, Swamygowda, Jayakumar and others were present.

Goods vehicles, ambulances

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Over 20 private ambulances, stationed throughout the day waiting for the call to shift patients and many goods vehicles delivering goods to the banana mandi and other areas of the Devaraja Market, occupy these areas — many times in a haphazard manner — from morning until evening.

This leaves minimal room for other designated vehicles, hindering their ability to park in the allocated spaces.

These parked vehicles are also creating safety hazards for both drivers and pedestrians. Reduced visibility, especially at the Sayyaji Rao Road-Dhanvantri Road intersection is increasing the risk of accidents. Emergency vehicles are also facing difficulties navigating through these congested roads.

Earlier, these private ambulances used to be parked inside the mortuary compound of the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI). However, as they created a ruckus there with noise and irregular parking, the MMC&RI authorities denied them entry and closed the parking area, forcing these ambulance drivers to park by the side of the K.R. Hospital.

Original copy of Karnataka caste census goes missing!

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Meanwhile, In a hurried move this morning, Siddharamaiah Government has extended the tenure of Chairman of Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes Jayaprakash Hegde by one month. His term was to end on Nov. 26 and now it will end on Dec. 26. He has been granted time to rectify 'errors and discrepancies' in the report and collate the actual data that was compiled during the census.

Divisions within Congress

The differences in the State Government over the release of the census report continues to haunt the Congress, with Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar taking a diametrically opposite stand over making the caste census report public.

While Siddharamaiah has supported accepting the caste census report, Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar has opposed it. Shivakumar, along with some Ministers from the Vokkaliga community, even signed a memorandum submitted by the State Vokkaligara Sangha against making the report public.

Siddharamaiah has cited his high command Rahul Gandhi, who asserted that the Congress would conduct a caste survey if voted to power at the Centre. Siddharamaiah has become more vocal about making the report public and implementing its recommendations.

To avoid controversies, the report will first be presented to a newly-constituted Cabinet Sub-Committee led by Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil, which will assess the pros and cons of the caste census report. With the formation of the Cabinet Sub-Committee, the Government aims to mitigate immediate backlash from dominant communities and projected dominant communities if the report is made public.

Railway tout booked; tickets worth Rs. 4.80 lakh seized

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (RK&BCT)- The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of the South Western Railway Mysuru Division have apprehended a tout and seized tickets and computer systems worth over 4.80 lakh.

The house of Omprakash Patil in Hebbal was raided by the RPF and live (current) tickets worth Rs.4,349 and past journey tickets worth Rs. 3,87,770 and computer systems worth Rs. 88,000 were seized from his possession.

According to the RPF, Omprakash used to buy tickets in bulk and as the demand peaks, he used to sell them keeping a profit of Rs. 200 to Rs. 300 per ticket. A case has been registered and a notice has been issued to him. Further legal process is on, they added.

Students should develop a scientific mindset in early age

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that students should develop a scientific mindset during their school days itself, BEO Vivekananda said that scientific and intellectual thoughts will help in personality development.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Anaavarana', a science expo organised at Rotary Midtown Academy at Hootagalli on Hunsur road here on Monday (Nov. 20).

Pointing out that students should be inquisitive and must not accept everything without questioning, Vivekananda said that students should be probing and give importance to scientific and practical learning. Observing that students should be wary of those who try to misuse their innocence, he called upon the students to be scientific and give importance to intellectualism.

Basavamarga Foundation Founder Basavaraju said that students should bring a good name to their parents and the school where they studied. Noting that every student has one or the other talent, he called upon the students to use every opportunity that come in their way. Yoga teacher H.P. Naveen Kumar too spoke.

The expo featured scientific models and practical experiments on topics such as Life Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, Technology, Chandrayaan-3 etc., Rotary Midtown President Alagappan, Secretary Ramakrishna, Treasurer Umesh, Principal Atmananda, school headmistresses Sarala and Niveda and others were present.

Bags 'Puttashree Samman' award

Mysuru, Nov. 22- Master Pradyumna Karpoora of Bengaluru has bagged the 'Puttashree Samman' award given by Mysuru's Sri Guru Puttaraja Sangeetha Sabha, No.199/A, LIG, first stage, Sharadadevinagar. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.10,000. The award will be presented to Pradyumna at the 'Bhairavadinda Bhyravi' Music festival to take place on Dec. 3, marking the 13th death anniversary of Puttaraja Gavai.

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Prof. B.S. Pandit Memorial Concert 'Saraswati' in city on Nov. 24, 25

Mysuru, Nov. 22- Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), Mysuru, a premier education society, was founded by the great Educationist and Visionary, late Prof. B.S. Pandit, Hon. Founder-Secretary, GSSS. In his fond memory, B.S. Pandit Memorial Concert 'Saraswati' is organised by GSSS every year during Karthika Masam since 2019, at GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW) campus, Mysuru.

Prof. B.S. Pandit

This year, GSSS is organising B.S. Pandit Memorial Concert 'Saraswati' at M. Govinda Rao Memorial Auditorium, GSSSIETW, KRS Road, Mysuru, on Nov. 24 and 25.

On Nov. 24 at 6.30 pm, Bharatanatyam by Priyadarshini Govind. She will be accompanied by Vid. V. Murali Sangeeth (vocal), Vid. S. Sakthivel Muruganantham (mridanga), Vid. N. Sigamani (violin) and Vid. K.R. Lokeshraj (natuvanga).

Priyadarshini is a recipient of Kalaimamani award by Government of Tamil Nadu, Nritya Choodamani bestowed by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha and Yuva Kala Bharati Award presented by Bharat Kalachar. Priyadarsini Govind received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award by Government of India for her contribution to Bharatanatyam dance.

Vid. Murali Sangeeth, a prominent young vocalist from Thrissur, shares 'The Hindu Sa Re Ga Ma M.S. Subbulakshmi Award in 2017 for young Karnatak vocalists' with Shruthi Shankar Kumar from Chennai. He has obtained Post-Graduation and M.Phil degree in Music from Sree Sankaracharya University, Kalady, Kerala.

Vid. Sakthivel Muruganantham is an eminent performer on mridanga, specialising in the accompaniment of classical dance, for 34 years. Sakthivel has accompanied prominent dancers at leading festivals and theatres in India and worldwide. His titles include Laya Vidhyadhara from Smt. Alarmel Valli's Deepashika, Natya Sangeet Kala Bharathi from Bharat Kalachar, Laya Kala Vipanchee from Vipanchee Trust, Laya Kala Ratna, Laya Sironmani and Mridanga Mamani.

Vid. Sigamani, a professional violinist, has participated in most of the leading music and dance festivals in India and Abroad. He has been performing as a violin accompanist to Bharatanatyam for over 25 years. He has won awards from major music organisations including Narada Gana Sabha 'Best Violinist' award, 'Nada Kala Vipanjee' award from Dr. M. Balamuralikrishna and 'Best Violinist' award from VDS Academy. He is an Hon. Citizen of Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

Vid. Lokeshraj is a faculty of Kalakshetra, an able teacher and has been training youngsters in order to share his knowledge with the younger generation.

On Nov. 25 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, Karnatak Vocal Concert will be given by Spoorthi Rao. She will be accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar (violin), Vid. K.V. Prasad (mridanga) and Vid. Sharath Koushik (ghata).

Priyadarshini Govind

Spoorthi Rao

Spoorthi Rao, an upcoming young Karnatak vocalist, is a winner of Airtel Super Singer Junior-4, a musical reality show by Vijay TV and has performed internationally with legends like S.P. Balasubramaniam, Shankar Mahadevan, K.S. Chitra, Vijay Prakash and many others. She has been selected as an A grade artiste of All India Radio (AIR) at the age of eight.

Vid. Bhaskar is an internationally reputed young violinist, known for his emotive playing. He is an A grade violinist of AIR. He has collaborated with many musicians from other genre from all across the world. He is a talented composer and has directed numerous fusion, light music and classical albums. He is a recipient of several national awards including Sangeet Natak Akademi Award by Government of India and Best Violinist Award from the Music Academy, Madras.

Vid. Prasad is a top rank mridanga artiste. He is a versatile percussionist who plays tabla, western drums, Congo drums, chenda and edakka. His performance in Chennai AIR concerts attracted the great M.S. Subbulakshmi with whom he had the privilege of accompanying her for 15 years. He has received Kalaimamani from the Government of Tamil Nadu, Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy State Award, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award by Government of India.

Vid. Sharath Koushik, a ghata player, is a disciple of Tumkur B. Ravishankar. A young percussionist, he has earned a place in the field of percussion playing. He has been training youngsters in order to share his knowledge with the younger generation.

Bus facility to concert venue

Bus facility is available to concert venue from different parts of Mysuru city. Bus routes are as follows: 1. Krishna Dhama, T.K. Layout; 2. Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar; 3. Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Lakshmipuram; 4. Javaregowda Park, Saraswathipuram; 5. Auto stand, Ramaswamy Circle; 6. Vontikoppal, near Venkateshwara Temple; 7. GSSS School, Siddarthanagar and 8. 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla.

Pick up on Nov. 24 is at 4.30 pm and drop approximately at 9 pm. Pick up on Nov. 25 is at 9 am and drop approximately at 1 pm.

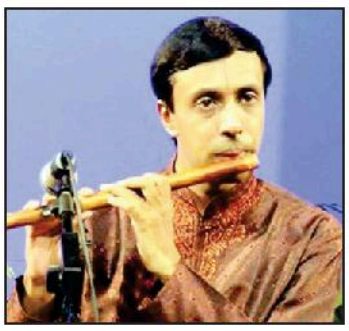
For details, contact S. Naveen Kumar on Mob: 96119-59996.

Flute Concert on Friday

Mysuru, Nov. 22- Ganabharathi, Mysuru, has organised a Karnatak Flute Concert in memory of Smt. Vasantha Lakshmi and sponsored by Smt. Indumati Srinivasan on Nov. 24 (Friday) at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, by Vid. Vamshidhar.

The above programme will be accompanied by Vid. Achyutha Rao on violin, Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. Sunaad Anoor on kanjira.

Vidwan Vamshidhar hails from an illustrious family of musicians which include Asthana Vidwan M. Venkatesha Iyengar, 'Sangeetha Kalanidhi' Dr. V. Doreswamy Iyengar (Padma Bhushan awardee) and Venu Vidwan V. Desikachar. He was tutored by his grandfather Vidwan V. Desikachar and he is presently being mentored by his uncle Vidwan D. Balakrishna, a renowned veena artiste.



Vid. Vamshidhar

Vamshidhar is known for his traditional and classical style. The dedication of Vamshidhar has been recognised by many Sangeetha Sabhas and Institutions which have bestowed on him many awards and titles. He has won 'Best Junior Instrumentalist Award-2018' by prestigious Madras Music Association and he also has the distinction of winning the first place in National-level AIR Competition in year 2003.

'Ninaada Griha Sangeeta' series

Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert by Dr. Dattatreya Velankar on Sunday

Mysuru, Nov. 22- As part of the 'Ninaada Griha Sangeeta' series by Ranjani Memorial Trust, a vocal concert by Dr. Dattatreya Velankar will be held at #37, 'Ninaada,' Rishabh Siddhi Layout, Kergalli, on Nov. 26 at 6 pm. It will be the 10th concert of the series.

Dr. Dattatreya Velankar will be accompanied by Meghashyam Keshav on tabla and Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium.

Surmani Dr. Dattatreya Velankar is an accomplished Hindustani classical vocalist, teacher, academician and the Founder of Shadja Kala Kendra, Bengaluru.

He is a disciple of Gwalior-Kirana Gharana maestro Pt. Vinayak Torvi and Keertanacharya Lakshmandas Velankar. For more than 3 decades, he has pursued rigorous training under Torviji, who has blessed Dattatreya with Ganda Bandan Deeksha.

Dattatreya Velankar is an 'A' grade All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan artiste. He is an Empanelled Artiste of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Government of India.

He has performed at many numerous music festivals across India and abroad. He was conferred with 'Surmani' title by the Sursingar Samsad, Mumbai. He is also conferred with 'Bhajan Bhushan' title by the Maharashtra Association, Chennai.

Dr. Dattatreya Velankar

A speciality of Dattatreya is that he performs both Hindustani Classical Vocal and Katha Keertan. He has been performing many Santavani concerts.

Dattatreya Velankar has completed his Ph.D in Katha Keertan from Jain University, Bengaluru, under the guidance of Vidushi Dr. Meera Rajaram Pranesh. He is conferred with 'Vidwat' in Vocal Music from the Government of Karnataka and 'Sangeet Prabhakar' from Prayag Sangeet Sameethi, Allahabad.

Dattatreya Velankar had delivered several Lecture-Demonstrations and Katha Keertan including at SOAS, University of Central London.

Dattatreya has been teaching classical music for the past 2 decades. He is a visiting faculty of LearnQuest Academy of Music, Waltham MA USA.

Dattatreya is one of the founders of Shadja Kala Kendra Trust, Bengaluru - An institution dedicated to the age-old 'Guru-Shishya Parampara' of Hindustani Classical Music and he is training several students. He is working as guest faculty at the Lakshminarayana Global Centre of Excellence started by Padma Bhushan Dr. L. Subramanian and Padma Shree Kavita Krishnamurty, Vishwakarma University, Pune.

Dattatreya has penned several books. Important among them are Sangeet Mala, Part 1, 2 and Part 3, outlining the basics of Hindustani Classical Music in a 2-part series, with accompanying CD. Hindustani Sangeet Praveshika (a compilation of compositions) "Swami Vivekananda's Contributions to Indian Classical Music" and 'The Splendour of Katha Keertan' book on theory of Katha Keertan are the two other important books penned by him.

Gandhiji's Swachh Bharat dream reflects in Viksit Bharat Yatra

Meenakshi Lekhi, Union Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, addressing the gathering at Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra held at Neralakuppe Government High School premises in Hunsur taluk on Monday. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and others are seen on the dais.

Mysuru, Nov.22 (TRR)- "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is creating awareness about the various programmes being implemented for the development of all citizens and particularly tribals," opined Union Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi.

She was speaking after inaugurating a programme organised by the Mysuru region of Canara Bank in connection with the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Neralakuppe Government High School premises, Hanagod Hobli, Hunsur taluk on Nov.20.

Stating that the Yatra is creating awareness among the citizens of the country by giving information about many pro-people programmes of the Union Government like Swachh Bharat, Ujwala Scheme, Kisan Samman Nidhi, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana among others, the Minister said that to mark the World Toilet Day, crores of toilets have been built across the country with the special concern of Prime Minister Narendra Modi."

The Central Government has implemented many special programmes for the welfare of women including ASHA workers and members of Self-Help Groups. Tribals are suffering from Sickle Cell disease which causes anaemia and Union Health Department has successfully launched a special programme to tackle this menace, concluded Union Minister Lekhi.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, who also spoke at the programme, said that "Open Defecation Free India is the aim of PM Modi and Swachh Bharat is a flagship programme of the Union Government. Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is disseminating information about the various programmes of the Central Government which included free rice to the poor, free LPG cylinders under Ujwala Scheme, health insurance scheme etc. Also steps will be taken to provide marketing facilities to the unauthorised tobacco growers of the region."

A calendar of the year 2024 and a booklet about the pro-people programmes of the Central Government and certificates for PM Jansuraksha Yojana beneficiaries, Kisan Credit Card and Ujwala LPG cylinders were distributed to the beneficiaries during the event. A demonstration on sprinkling urea was conducted by the Department of Fertilisers on the occasion.

Neralakuppe Gram Panchayat President Geeta Suresh, Vice-President Rukmini Suresh, SBI's Dy. General Manager Rajasekhar Raghavan, Canara Bank DGM Ramesh, Canara Bank Regional Manager P.S.Umesh, Lead District Manager V.N. Nagesh and others were present.

SP Seema Latkar inaugurates Varsity Sports Meet

Mysuru, Nov.22- Mysuru SP Seema Latkar inaugurated the 3-day University of Mysore (UoM) Inter-Collegiate Sports Meet here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Seema Latkar said that students should give equal importance to sports as much as academics.

Pointing out that taking part in sports helps the students to enhance their physical fitness, she called upon them to take the University to much greater heights in sports and other activities.

UoM Finance Officer Rekha, in her address, said that the sportsman spirit must not end with this tournament but must continue throughout the life.

Noting that sports is vital for maintaining health and physical fitness, she said students must not lose any opportunity for taking part in sports events.

The meet will feature gymnastics, swimming, yoga, karate and weight-lifting contests for men and women and body-building contest for men. The meet concludes on Nov.23.

UoM Department of Physical Education Director Dr. C. Venkatesh, Deputy Director P. Krishnaiah and others were present on the occasion.

SP Seema Latkar seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate 3-day University of Mysore Inter-Collegiate Sports Meet in city yesterday as others look on.

Friends, students pay homage to Prof. N. Venkoba Rao

Mysuru, Nov.22 (PM&TRR)- At a function titled 'Meshtra Meluku' held at a private hotel in the city, rich tributes were paid to Prof. N. Venkoba Rao, retired History Professor of D. Banumaiah College in the city, who passed away recently.

He was also the Founder of Maithri School for Mentally Retarded Children in the city.

Prof. Venkoba Rao was affectionately called as 'Meshtru' and 'Venkanna' by his students and friends. Distinguished guests who were present at the function offered floral tributes to the portrait of Rao and recalled their association with him.

Former MLA Vasu, who addressed the gathering, said that he never missed a single class of Prof. Rao.

"He was such a rare teacher. Though he is not physically with us today, he always lives in our memory. He had a personality which never allowed him to feel let down at any stage of his life. Though he was a member of RSS, he never brought them in his lessons and try to influence others with its ideologies. Prof. Venkoba Rao used to become emotional when the issue of patriotism came up for discussion," added former MLA Vasu.

Retired Professor and a former colleague of Rao, Prof. Shivaji Jois said that it is difficult to live with the fact that Prof. Rao is no more with us.

"We were colleagues since 1971. He (Rao) followed the philosophy of Buddha throughout his life and never got disheartened by anything in his life. He was a very good organiser and had a versatile personality. He was not just a professor. Prof. Venkoba Rao had excellent communication skills and had the knack of leading his friends and getting the assigned works done. He was a great orator and was known in literary circles by his pen name 'Srikantha'. He was the example of a true Indian," said Prof. Jois.

RSS leader M. Venkatram, who also spoke, recalled that Prof. Rao used to visit RSS Shakhas and tell stories which often conveyed the lessons of life. He used to narrate stories which evoked patriotic spirit. He was my Guru and was like my brother, added Venkatram.

Journalist Ravindra Bhat, while speaking at the condolence meeting, said that with his high ideals Prof. Venkoba Rao will always remain with us though he is not physically with us. By supporting the school he founded for mentally retarded children, we can pay our sincere tribute to him," said Bhat.

Maithri Charitable Trust President Pruthvi Sudhindhar, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Prof. Rao's son Manu Mahesh, journalist and programme convener Ravindra Joshi, noted Limericks writer Dr. M.G.R. Urs and others were present at the event.

Admission to Diploma in Co-operative Management

Mysuru, Nov.22- The Karnataka Institute of Co-operative Management (KICM) has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to 6-month Regular Diploma in Co-operative Management and Diploma in Co-operative Management through distance education.

The 6-month Regular Diploma is mandatory for appointment in Co-operative Societies and Banks. The admission is open to candidates who have a minimum educational qualification of a pass in SSLC or equivalent. The course will start from Jan.1, 2024.

The Diploma in Co-operative Management through distance education is mandatory for all permanent employees serving in Co-operative Societies and Banks also.

Prescribed application forms are available at KICM, Sahakara Bhavan, Chamaraja Double road, Mysuru, District Co-operative Union, Mysuru, Mandya District Co-operative Union, First Cross, Ashokanagar, Mandya and at Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Union, District Offices Complex, Chamarajanagar.

Last date for applying is Dec.30. For details, call Ph: 0821-2520563 or Mob: 91415-74147 or 98459-18519.

WORD OF THE DAY

Valorous

Pronunciation: VAL-uh-russ.
Meaning: Someone or something described as valorous is marked by courage or heroism.
Origin: The English language has no shortage of synonyms for brave. In fact, it even has two different such words from the same Latin verb, valēre ("to have strength"): valiant and valorous. Valiant is the older of the pair, borrowed from the Anglo-French adjective vaillant ("worthy, strong, courageous") in the 1300s. Valorous followed in the 1400s, a combination of valor ("strength of mind or spirit that enables a person to encounter danger with firmness")—another valēre descendent—and the adjective suffix -ous. (The form was inspired either by the Middle French word valeureux or the Medieval Latin word valōrōsus.) While the words can be used synonymously, valorous sometimes has an archaic or romantic ring, describing stout-hearted warriors of yore, while the more common word valiant describes soldiers as well as general kinds of bravery or effort.
Example: "Cryptozoology is not a quest for animals but for monsters. It represents a valorous last stand to preserve awe and mystery in an over-charted, over-exploited world." — Rajat Ghai, Down to Earth (India), 26 Aug. 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Vanitarianism

Pursuit of vain things.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Variety is the spice of life

Meaning: When you use the phrase 'Variety is the spice of life' you mean that doing a lot of different things and interacting with all sorts of people, etc. is a way to make life more interesting.
Origin: The phrase 'Variety is the spice of life' was first seen in 1785, in William Cowper's poem The Task: "Variety is the very spice of life, that gives it all its flavor."
Example: "I know we usually spend summers at the beach, but I'm thinking we should try camping. After all, variety is the spice of life."

QUOTE BOX

Suspense arises naturally from good writing - it's not a spice to be added separately. **—Leigh Michaels**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Face to face.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Stepped
5 The top - in perfection?
9 It equals a yard in India
12 Abolished Indian custom
13 Diagnostic aid (1-3)
14 Anger
15 Rara ___ : the mythical rare bird?
16 Offended grossly
18 Bring back to mind
20 Bollywood's ___ Malini
21 Plant parts
23 One time only
26 Extinct woolly creature
29 Wind toys
30 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
31 Narrow gorge
33 Instrument Landing Sys.
34 XP's successor
36 Handcuff
38 The name of the lion cub in 'Born Free'
39 Pointed weapon
40 Too
42 Reaping-hook
46 Abbreviated, brief or terse
49 ___ off : dwindle or taper out
50 To ___ is human?
51 Deceiver
52 You suffer them when things go wrong
53 Vane directions ?
54 Eight as a prefix
55 Quote an author as an example

DOWN
1 Russian emperor
2 Large dance party
3 Auricular
4 Relieve of weaponry
5 Mexican lizard
6 French vineyard -"cur" anagram?
7 Arithmetic, algebra and geometry, in short?
8 Charlotte Bronte wrote "Jane ___ "?
9 Colossal
10 To be - a change of "era"?
11 Last letter of the alphabet
17 Mine, in Aix
19 Sponge
22 Heavy blow
24 Place for a prisoner
25 Being in Latin
26 __ over : adjust one's position to make place for another?
27 Seed appendage
28 General slaughter
29 Alaskan peninsula
32 Great musician
35 A soft greenish-grey mineral used to make a powder
37 Rock band ___ Monkeys
39 Pertaining to sound?
41 Farm building
43 Indian goddess
44 A lively tune
45 Besides, in addition
46 Spot
47 Ash-container
48 Household animal

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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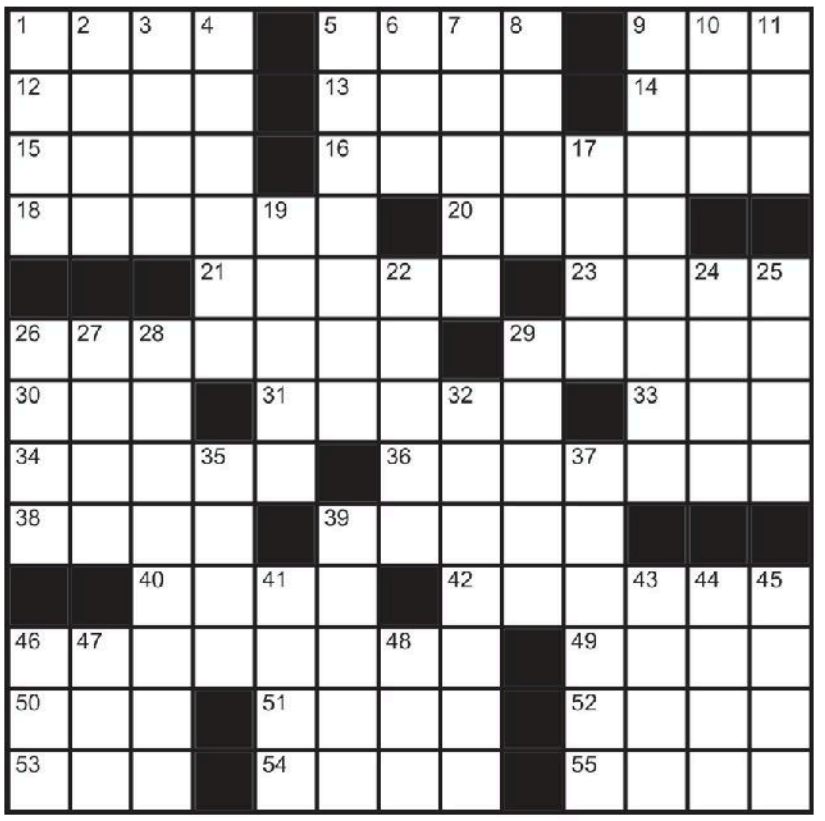

SUDOKU

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						8		4
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2				9	3	4		1
8		3						
			8			3	7	
	6		5					

Answer to previous puzzle

6	9	7	4	2	3	5	8	1
8	2	3	5	1	7	9	4	6
4	5	1	9	6	8	3	7	2
2	6	5	8	7	4	1	3	9
1	8	9	3	5	6	4	2	7
3	7	4	1	9	2	6	5	8
9	1	8	7	4	5	2	6	3
5	3	6	2	8	9	7	1	4
7	4	2	6	3	1	8	9	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MZA YWAF SV F BFQQ FRWYAOJA IFQ TAFDDK FO

YOUAOMYSO SV MZA YOWRQMTYFD TAUSDRMYSO.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The progress of rivers to the ocean is not so rapid as that of man to error.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
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- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side B (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Garadi (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Nethram (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Raja Yoga (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Mangalavaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Mangalavaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Tiger 3 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Tiger 3 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Tiger 3 (H) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Tiger 3 (H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
The Vacant House (K)	(S-2)	11.00 am
Rajayoga (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Nethram (K)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Garadi (K)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Spark Life (Te)	(S-2)	10.00 pm
Trolls Band Together (E-3D)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 3.35 pm, 5.30 pm
Bembidada Naavika (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Sesham Mike II Fathima (Ma)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
The Hunger Games (E)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Sapta Sagardaache Ello - Side B (K)	(S-4)	10.05 pm, 1 pm, 4 pm 7 pm, 10 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

The vacant house (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 4.10 pm
Rajayoga (Te)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Rajayoga (K)	(S-1)	6.15 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 4.10 pm, 6.50 pm
Saptha Sagaradaache Ello - Side B	(S-2)	10 am, 1.15 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	3.45 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Tiger 3 (H)	(S-2)	4.20 pm; (S-3) 11 am
	(S-4)	1.05 pm, 9.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Tiger 3 (H)	:	9.00 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm 7.00 pm, 9.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side B (K)	:	9.25 am, 10.10 am, 12.30 pm 1.15 pm, 3.35 pm, 4.20 pm 6.40 pm, 7.25, 9.45, 10.30 pm
Mangalavaaram (Te)	:	10.05 am, 11.35 am, 4.55 pm 6.25 pm, 10.15 pm
The Hunger Games (E)	:	11.30 am, 6.20 pm
Ghost (K)	:	1.10 pm
Trolls Band Together (E-3D)	:	2.40 pm, 8.00 pm
Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour (E)	:	2.50 pm
The Vacant House (K)	:	4.05 pm
Sesham Mike-II Fathima (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Tiger 3 (H)	:	8.55 am, 11.30 am, 12.15 pm 3.35 pm, 6.10, 6.55, 10.15 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side B (K)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Mangalavaaram (Te)	:	12.10 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Rajayoga (K)	:	3.15 pm

Runners-up in UoM Mandavya Zone Inter-Collegiate Handball Tournament

De Paul College, Mysuru, won 2nd place (runners-up) in the University of Mysore (UoM) Mandavya Zone Inter-Collegiate Handball Men's Tournament 2023-24 organised by Shankaregowda Shikshana Mahavidyalaya (Shankaregowda College of Education), Mandya, recently. Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***Y. Tanush Gowda, Raghu Raj, M.S. Chinthan, Abhinav V. Raju, R. Angeline Francis Mary (Physical Education Director), Ravi (Physical Education Director), Y. Sandeep (Captain), Jomin Joshy, P.G. Adarsh and Nidhin Thomas;*** *(kneeling from left)* ***Nigam Ponnanna, Tejas, Aswin Vinod and Albin Thomas.***

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 23)

- **Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises-Development and Facilitation Office (MSME-DFO), Bengaluru, Ministry of MSME:** Inauguration of 2-day 'MSME Expo - Vendor Development Programme and Industrial Exhibition,' FKCCI Past President Sudhakar S. Shetty inaugurates, MSME-DFO Joint Director and HOO Dr. K. Socrates presides, India Leader Cummins - Meritor President and COO and CII Mysuru Past Chairman Dr. N. Muthukumar chief guest, MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju and District Industries Centre (DIC) Mysuru Joint Director T. Dinesh guests of honour, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Gokulam 3rd Stage, **10 am.**
- **Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI):** Centenary year celebrations, Medical Exhibition, Library Hall building, ground floor of MMC&RI, Irwin Road, **10 am to 5 pm.** [Entry is free]
- **Sri Sathya Sai Baba School and PU College:** Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's 98th birthday celebration and Paduka Pratishtapana Mahotsavam, Prof. K.B. Prabhuprasad, Hon. Chairman, Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba Mahila and Makkala Koota Trust, inaugurates, G. Usha, Scientist SF, Power System Engineer and Project Manager, Chandrayaan-2 and Chandrayaan-3 Mission, ISRO, Bengaluru, chief guest, Dr. M.N. Sundareshan, Chairman, Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba Mahila and Makkala Koota Trust, presides, College premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **11.30 am.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti (Sr Raghavendraswamy Mutt):** Discourse on 'Upanishad' by Vid. Sri Kheda Vedavyasachar, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayogananda speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob. : 7829999465

Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side B (K)	(S-1)	9.40 am, 12.50 pm 4 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-2)	9 am, 12.10 pm, 3.20 pm 6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
Garadi (K)	(S-4)	3.40 pm
Tiger 3 (H)	(S-3)	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 pm
Managalavaaram (Te)	(S-4)	9.10 am, 12.25 pm, 6.45 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob. : 9606976757

Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side B (K)	:	9 am, 12.15 pm, 2.30 pm 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
Tiger 3 (H)	:	9.10 am, 10 am, 12.30 pm 3.50 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Mangalavaaram (Te)	:	11.15 am 5.45 pm, 10.10 pm
Nethram (K)	:	1.20 pm
Bembidada Naavika (K)	:	3.55 pm
Rajayoga (K)	:	6.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

International TB Conclave

Mysuru, Nov. 22- The Departments of Community Medicine and Respiratory Medicine, JSS Medical College, Mysuru, has organised an International Tuberculosis (TB) Conclave 2023 (Theme: Accelerating Progress Towards a TB-free World: Innovations, Challenges and Solutions) at Sri Rajendra auditorium in JSS Hospital premises tomorrow (Nov. 23) at 10.30 am.

Suttur Seer and JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) Chancellor Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers and New and Renewable Energy Bhagwanth Khuba will inaugurate. Home Minister of Puducherry A. Namassivayam will preside. Bhopal's Gandhi Medical College Dean Dr. Salil Bhargava will be the chief guest.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Surinder Singh and Registrar Dr. B. Manjunatha will be the guests of honour.

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